

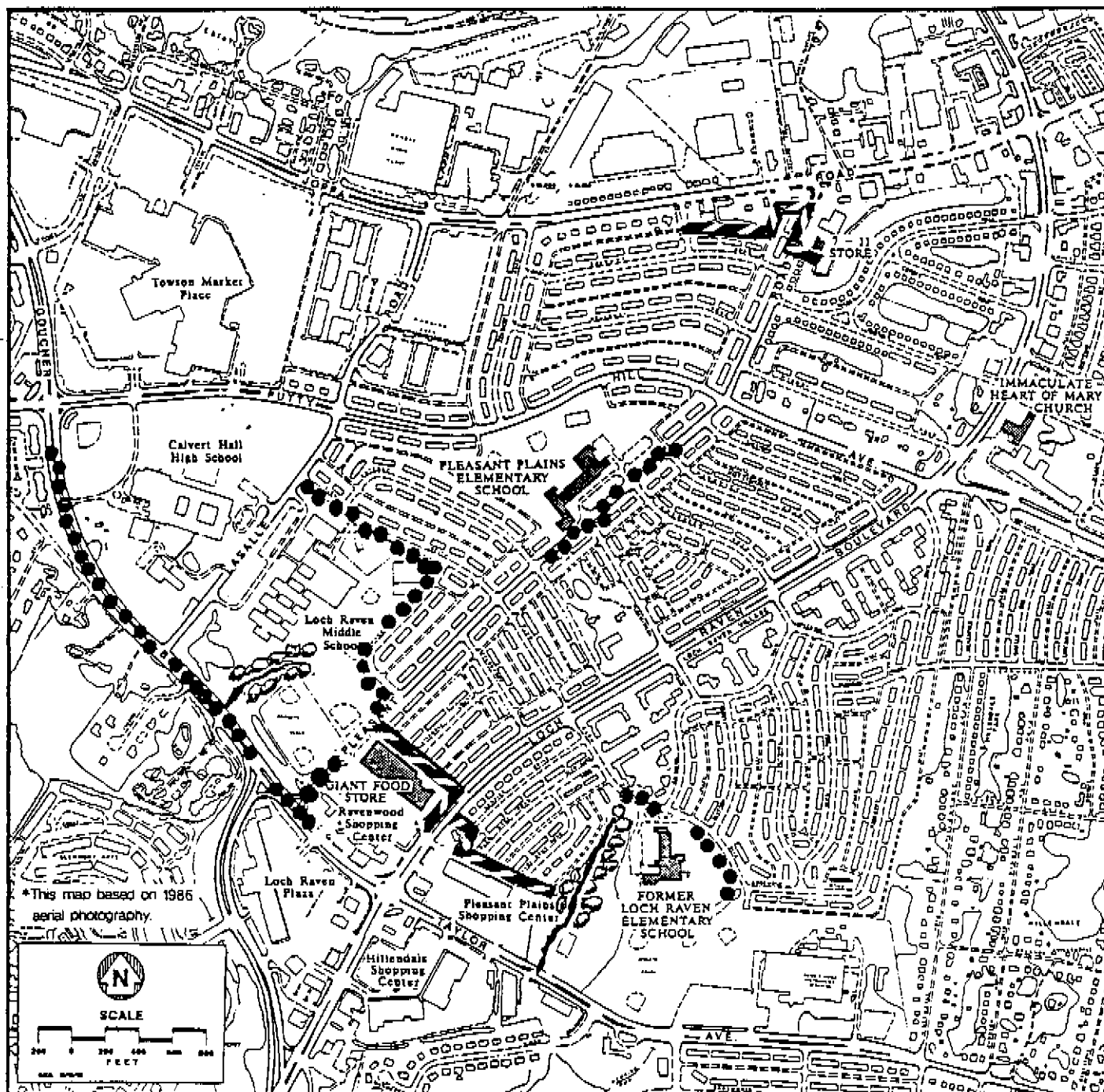
## D. ENVIRONMENT

### Trees

When Loch Raven Village was developed approximately 40 years ago, most properties had trees planted along the street in front of the homes. Over time, many of the trees have died and have not been replaced. The Association recognizes the aesthetic and environmental value of trees and encourages Loch Raven Village residents to plant trees on their property, especially along the street in front of their homes. The Association is also encouraging Baltimore County to plant trees on public property (i.e. school grounds), located within Loch Raven Village's boundaries.



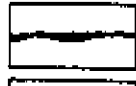
The Association will identify resources to encourage residents to plant trees by obtaining the services of the Maryland Forestry Board and seeking assistance from the State of Maryland and Baltimore County.



Shrubbery  
Low Ground Cover



Tree Planting



Stream



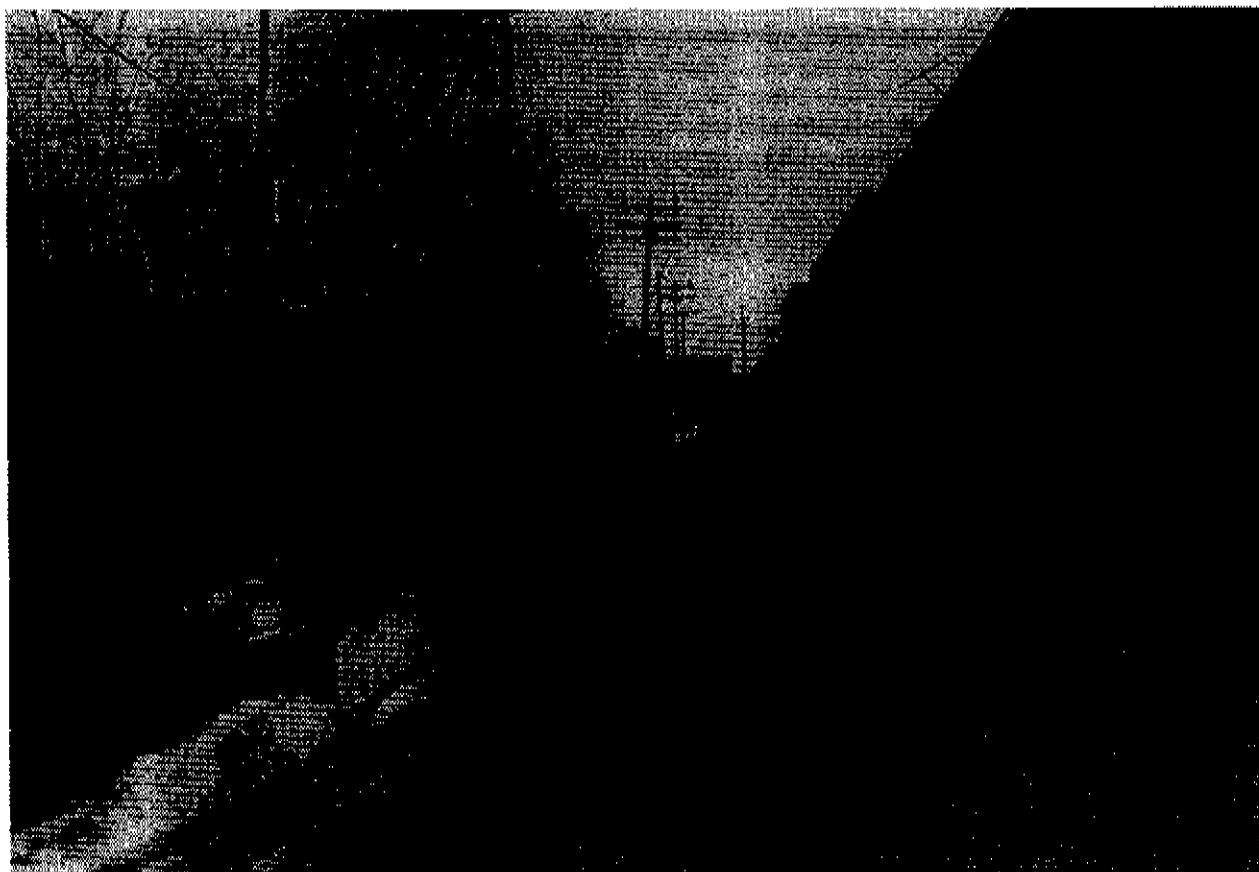
Buffer Area

Curbside  
Medium Strip

## Environment

### LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLAN

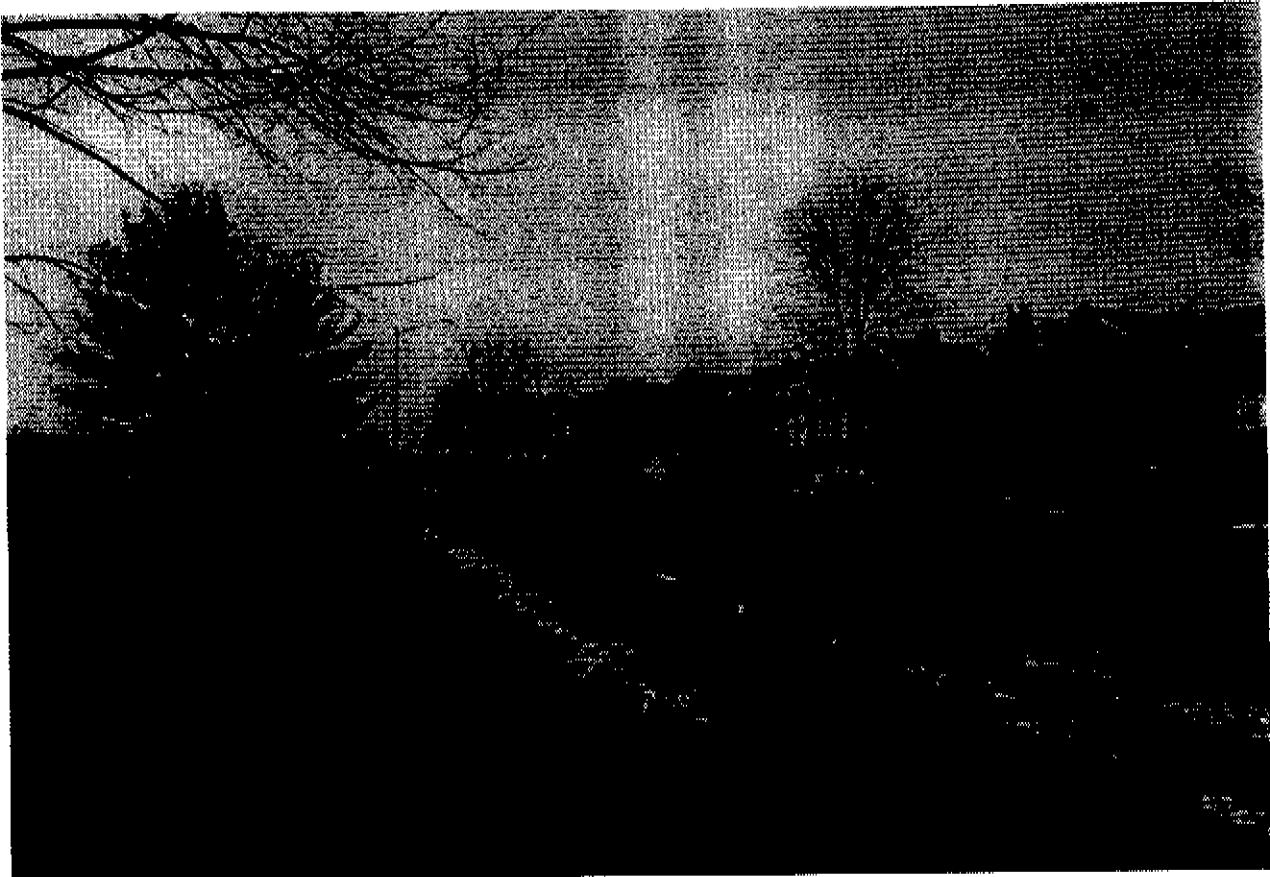
The Association will encourage and support efforts to buffer Loch Raven Village's residential areas from commercial areas by using appropriate trees and shrubs. The corresponding map delineates commercial areas to be considered for buffering. The Association will work with the local businesses and Baltimore County in the development of such plans.



The Association will encourage the Board of Education to plant trees along the school property that borders Loch Raven Village, for example, along the Cottage Lane alley adjacent to Pleasant Plains Elementary School. The Association will consult with the Board of Education, non-profit groups and government agencies to implement this initiative.

In September, 1990, the Association's Board of Directors passed a proposal to establish a Greening Committee. The purpose of the Greening Committee is to encourage local residents as well as adjacent non-residential property owners (local business, the Board of Education and Baltimore County) to plant trees on their property.

The Committee that developed the Loch Raven Village Community Conservation Plan sponsored a pilot program to encourage Loch Raven Village residents to plant trees on their property. This action resulted in 21 trees being planted in the community in the Spring, 1990. This pilot program evolved into the Loch Raven Village Greening Committee which coordinated the Fall, 1990 planting of 16 trees on residential property and 20 trees along Putty Hill Avenue (pictured below). This Committee also coordinated the Spring, 1991, planting of 39 trees throughout Loch Raven Village.

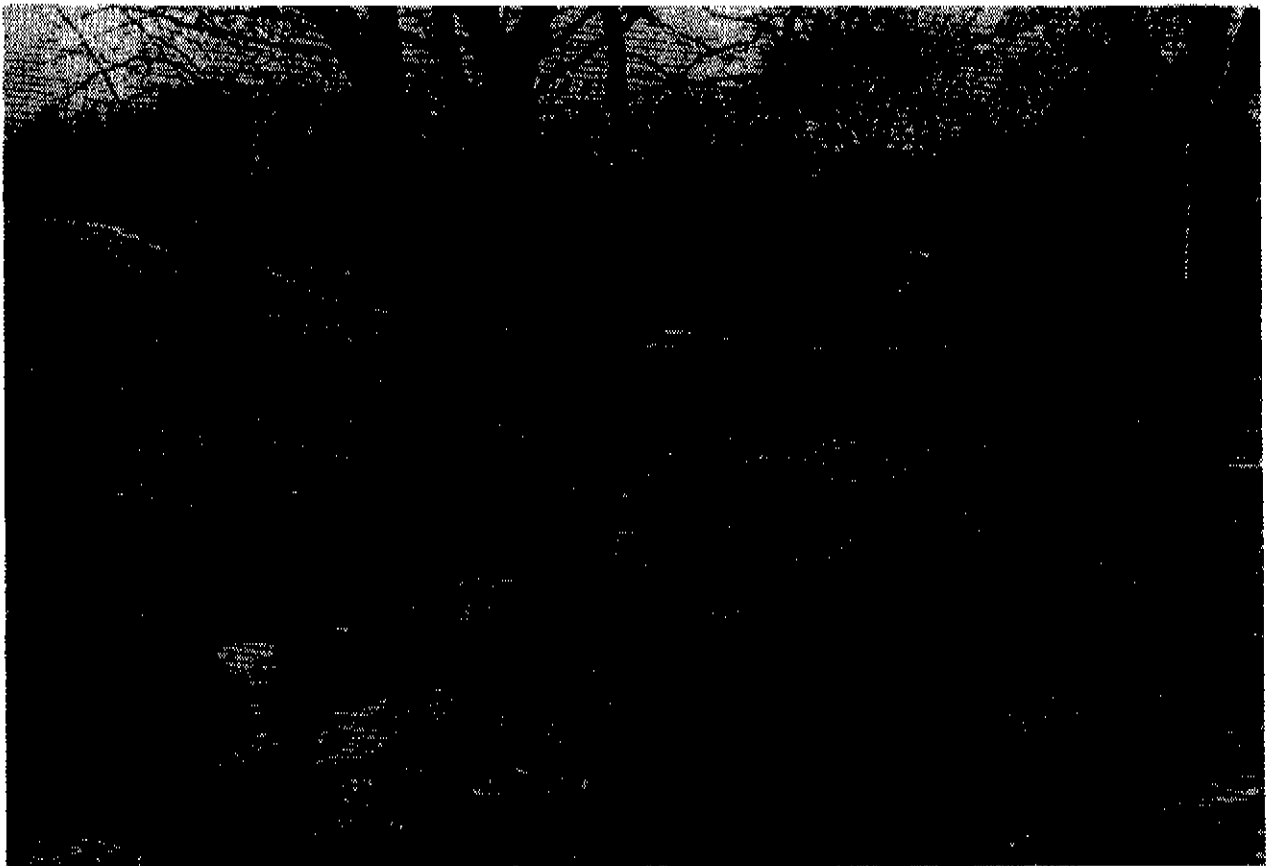


The Greening Committee has also worked with the Maryland Forestry Board, which has a school program, by directing them to Pleasant Plains Elementary and Loch Raven Middle Schools. Trees were planted throughout these properties during the Fall, 1990. The Greening Committee is currently involved in a first-time State of Maryland tree inventory program utilizing a computerized coding system. This inventory will help to identify areas for planting trees.

## Streams and Storm Water Runoff

Within the boundaries of Loch Raven Village are two streams (see corresponding map). One stream (pictured below) is located on the Loch Raven Middle School property. The other stream is located between the former Loch Raven Elementary School and the Loch Raven Library. The Association will work with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Forestry Board, Baltimore County government, Baltimore County Board of Education and other parties to buffer the stream area.

The Association will also encourage Loch Raven Village residents to clean up their grass cuttings and leaves so that the cuttings and leaves will not be carried away by water and into the storm drains. This is part of the Clean-Up the Bay program.



## Front/Backyards

The Association will encourage the residents to beautify their front yards by showcasing attractive front yards in the Loch Raven Village neighborhood newsletter or sponsoring "Best Kept Front Yard" contest and acknowledging winners with special citations and awards.

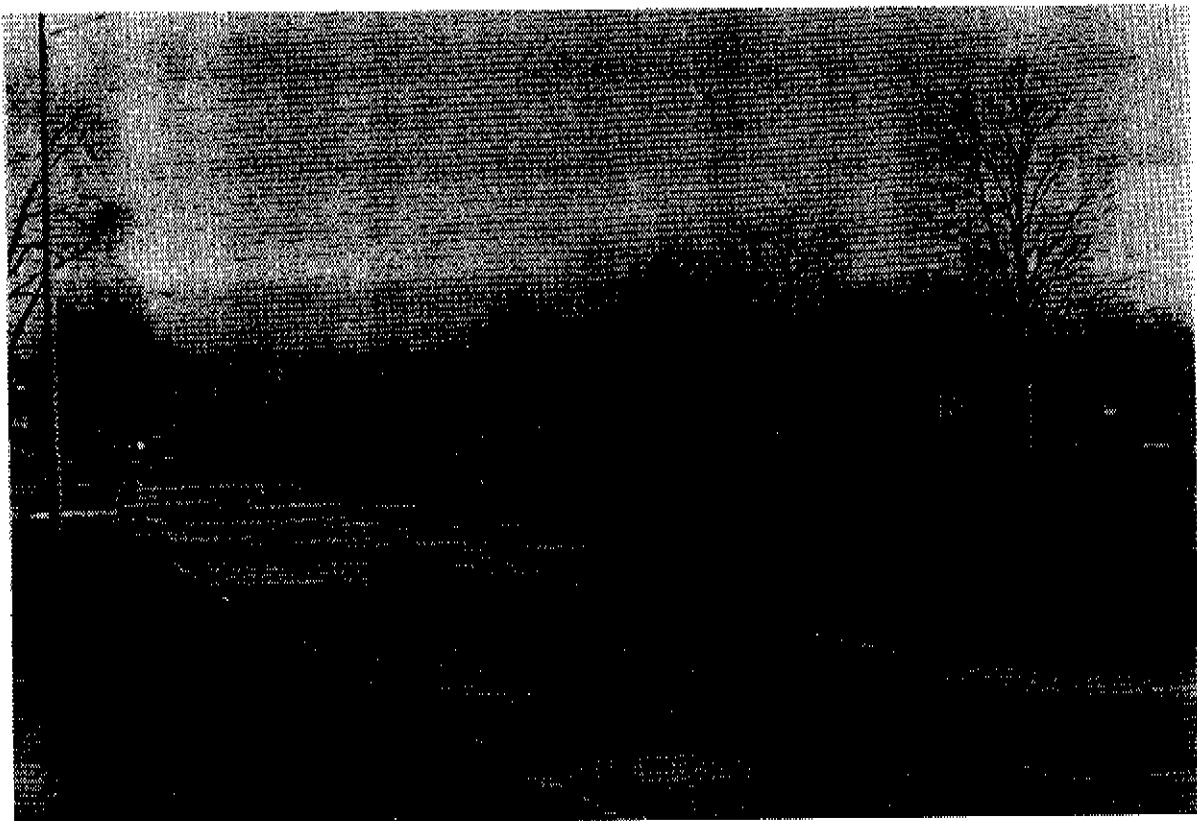
The Association will encourage the residents to take pride in the appearance of their backyards and alleys. The sponsoring of garden tours and/or alley tours may help to accomplish this. The Association will showcase outstanding backyards in the neighborhood newsletter to inspire others to spruce up their properties.

The Association's 1991 budget includes a project for organizing a garden tour in Loch Raven Village.

## Gateway Entrances

A gateway involves both signage and gardens.

Currently, the only enhanced "gateway" corridor into Loch Raven Village is along Putty Hill Avenue in the median strip (pictured below) between Calvert Hall College High School and Towson Marketplace. Since the project's inception in 1985, Loch Raven Village has invested over \$10,000 in this area.



The Association wishes to install additional enhanced "gateways" leading into the neighborhood and will work with the Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning and other Baltimore County Departments in identifying potential locations, as well as seeking Baltimore County and State of Maryland participation in funding gateway corridor planting projects.

The Association has looked at the following prospective locations (see corresponding map):

1. east side of Loch Raven Village, at the intersection of Putty Hill and Loch Raven Boulevard.
2. at the intersection area near Glen Keith Boulevard and Loch Raven Boulevard.

## **Recycling**

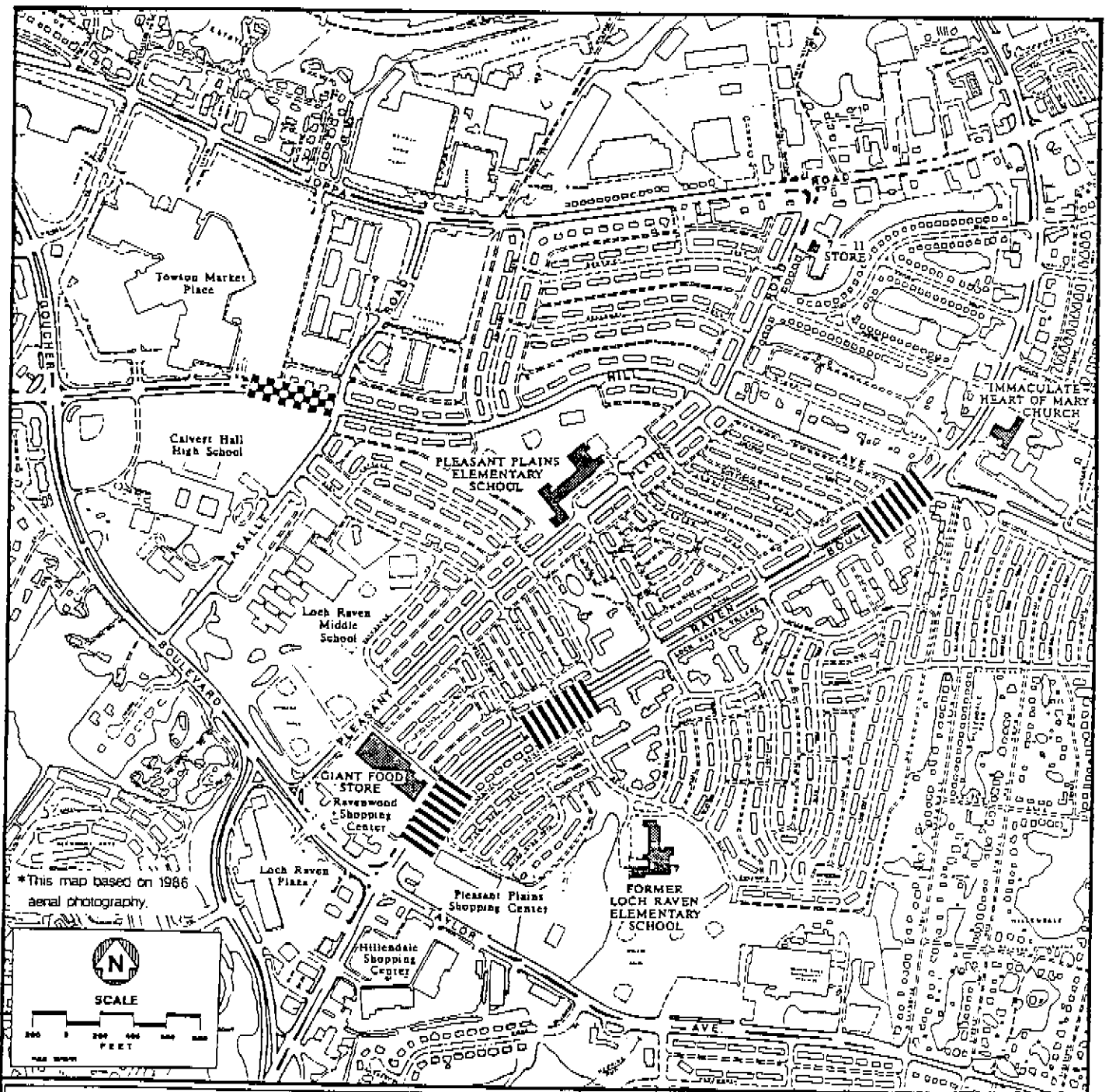
As trash proliferates, places to dispose of it are dwindling. Our landfills do not last forever, and as they reach capacity, new ones are increasingly difficult to develop. A sizable portion of what we throw away contains valuable resources (metal, glass, paper, and plastic) which can be reprocessed and used again. Recycling is a technology that can prevent depletion of valuable landfill spaces, save energy and natural resources, provide useful products from discarded materials and even make a profit.

The Association recognizes the importance of recycling our resources. The Association supports the efforts of the recently (1990) established Towson-Parkville Recycling Committee, Inc.\*

The Association encourages residential participation in recycling programs and will work with Baltimore County to establish a recycling center or program within our neighborhood boundaries. The Association will also encourage development of some type of compost service to reduce the amount of grass clippings, shrubbery clippings, etc., being placed out for trash pickup.

The Association will work with non-profit groups and government agencies to encourage and establish recycling efforts within Loch Raven Village.

\* See Appendix L for acceptable/unacceptable household items for Towson-Parkville Recycling Center.



Current "Gateway"

Possible "Gateway"

## Gateways

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